

Nashville District

Public Notice

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Application No. 5357700 Expires: February 6, 2006

Please address all comments to: Floyd M. Carnes Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

SUBJECT: Proposed Boat Launching Ramp at Cumberland River Mile 649.8, Left Bank, Bell County, Kentucky

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA).** Before a permit can be issued, certification must be provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Division of Water, pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA, that applicable water quality standards will not be violated. By copy of this notice, the applicant hereby applies for the required certification.

APPLICANT: Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

1 Game Farm Road Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

LOCATION: Cumberland River Mile 649.8, Left Bank, Bell County, Kentucky (USGS ARTEMUS, KY Quadrangle; Longitude: 83-45-18.1; Latitude: 36-47-33.3)

BACKGROUND: On July 25, 2000, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources was issued a permit for the launching ramp. The permit for the launching ramp expired before it could be constructed.

DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of constructing a concrete public boat ramp measuring approximately 115' x 14' and would extend to Elevation 960.0. The ramp would be constructed in two sections. A 35' x 14' slab would be poured above ordinary high water and would pushed into place after curing. The secondary slab measuring 115' x 14' would be poured in place on an 18% grade and tied to the pushed in slab. All concrete would be class "A" 4,000 PSI and reinforced with fiberglass mesh at the plant. Eight linear feet of riprap would be placed

on either side of the ramp to prevent undercutting and provided stabilization. The approximate amount of fill would be between 250 and 300 cubic yards below ordinary high water. The purpose of this ramp is to provide free pubic access to the Cumberland River.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA (40 CFR Part 230). A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The proposed work has been categorically excluded from environmental documentation by 33 CFR Part 325 Appendix B, Paragraph 6, which became effective on March 6, 1988. An Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement could be required if extraordinary circumstances with substantial environmental effects are revealed during the public interest review process.

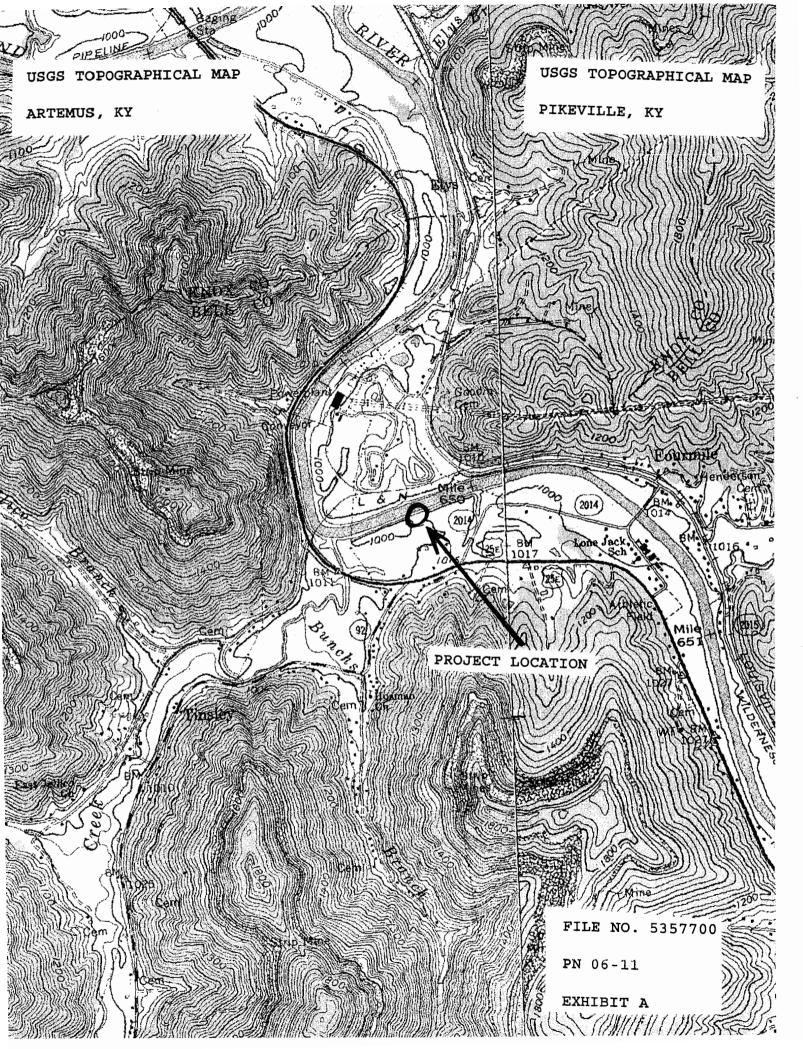
The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

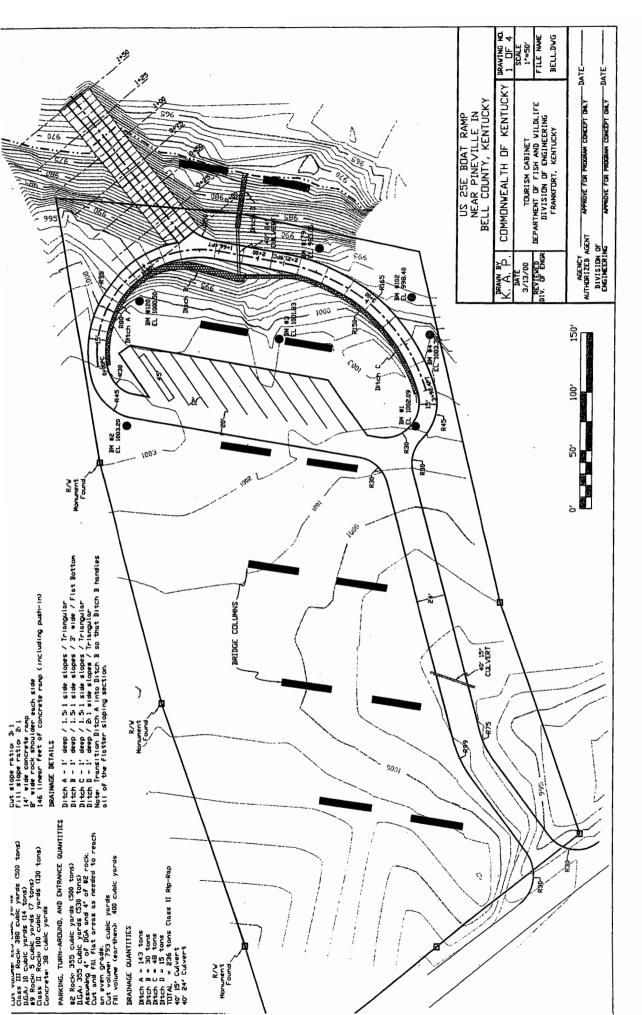
Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Other federal, state, and/or local approvals may be required for the proposed work.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before **February 6, 2006**, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Floyd M. Carnes, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7503.

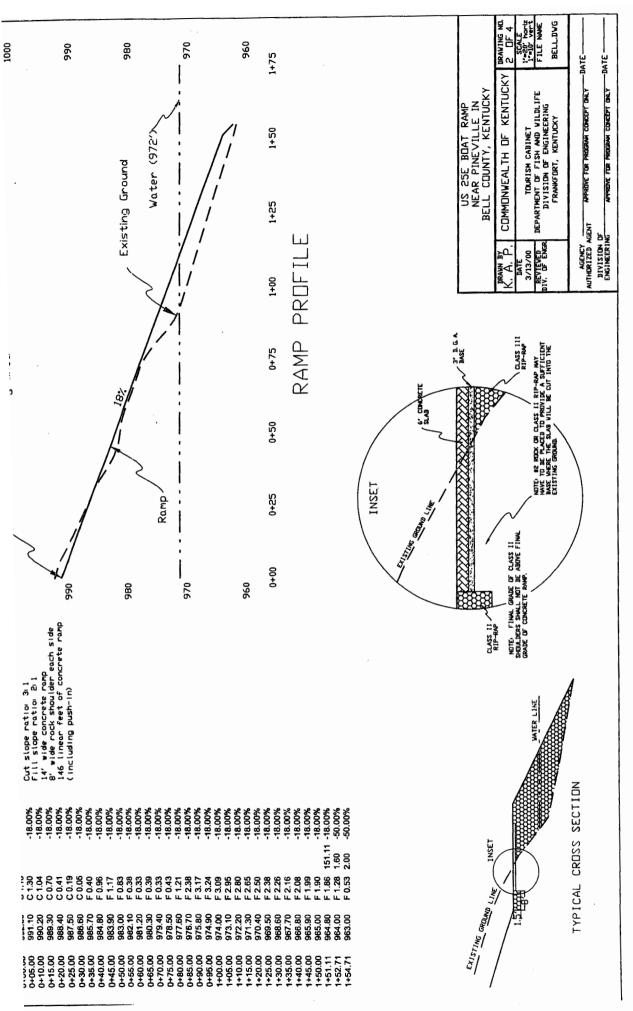




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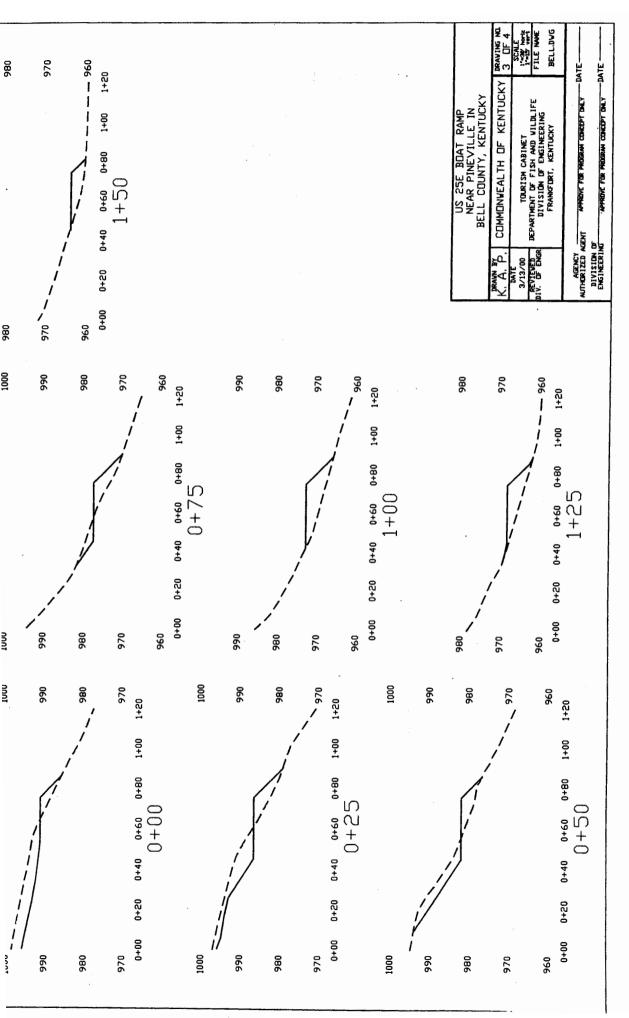
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